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MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Eleni Tsivitz, Campus Planning  
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the January 19, 2018 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Rob Thallon (acting chair), Selena Blick, Jane Brubaker, Hilary Gerdes, Alicia Going, Michael Griffel, Ken Kato, Peter Keyes, Shea Northfield, Daniel Rosenberg, Amy Salmore, Chuck Triplett

Staff: Eleni Tsivitz (Campus Planning)

Guests: Jeff Butler, Scott Combs, Joseph DeWitz, Shelly Kerr, Volga Koval, Patrick Mucker, Aaron Olsen, Tanner Perrine, Kay Porter, Tom Shepard

**CPC Agenda:**

**1. Knight Campus - Update**

Background: Rob Thallon gave a brief update on the Knight Campus Project. It is slightly more than halfway through Design Development, on schedule and on budget. The team is meeting on campus about once every three weeks and is currently discussing items such as interior relationships of surfaces and materials. Minor site work is underway and demolition is slated to begin in March.

Action: No formal action was requested.

**2. University Health Center and University Counseling and Testing Center Renovation and Addition Project - Check-in Meeting**

Background: Staff introduced the purpose of the agenda item and reviewed information from Meeting One for this project. Michael Griffel (Project Sponsor), described the pressing need to expand the capacity of the existing University Health Center and University Counseling and Testing Center. This need was echoed by the ASUO's recommendation to the president to prioritize the use of student fees for the realization of this expansion. The addition will be approximately 23,000 square feet and the project is currently midway through Schematic

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Design (SD). SD will be complete by early February and construction of the project is slated to start in June 2018.

Patrick Mucker (CPFM) described the progress of the project since Meeting One. Clark Kjos was the architecture team selected to lead the project and Lease Crutcher Lewis were chosen as the General Contractors for the project. The Conceptual Design Report was completed in December and was aligned with the project budget. The project team has been working collaboratively with the user group, a number of UHCTC focus groups, and CPFM to gather information and inform the design.

Scott Combs (Clark Kjos Architects) gave a detailed overview of the building and site, pointing out the adjacent designated open spaces. He stated that one of the goals of the project is to help transition 13th Avenue from a vehicular street to a pedestrian first street with building as well as site improvements. The parking booth, which currently sits in the center of 13th Avenue encourages visitors to turn onto 13th, because they anticipate that there will be parking further down the street. This booth will be removed as part of this project's open space enhancement contribution. Currently one additional improvement is being held as an alternate. This would add a curb extension to the northwest corner of the 13th and Agate intersection and would add a raised crosswalk across 13th at that location. The objective is to narrow the entrance to 13th at the intersection and indicate that 13th Avenue is not a through street for vehicles. The building itself will reinforce the 13th Avenue edge, with a 3-story building (more in scale with those around it), create an activity node with a plaza in front of the building, and provide a universal access approach to the existing main building entrance.

Overall, the parking associated with the Health Center will be reduced and the parking associated with Carson Hall will be maintained. The Health Center service zone will be improved, a new ambulance staging space will be added and this area will be screened from the Promenade by a new landscape buffer. The existing bike parking structure will be relocated and new covered bike parking will be provided along the 13th Avenue edge of the building for improved convenience.

The building footprint and massing has been designed to maximize the remaining permissible building area for an anticipated future expansion. The facade of the addition is being designed to be harmonious with the existing building without mimicking it. It will have a clear base, middle, and top, and elements (such as a clear rhythm of windows) will help to break up the scale of the facade. The windows on 13th will show some of the life of the building, looking into the physical therapy and sports medicine area and the retail pharmacy will also have a window out onto the sidewalk. The main entrance will remain in its existing location although the glass wall will push out towards the street (budget allowing) to make the entrance canopy less cavernous. The expanded interior entry space will also allow people to orient themselves and understand the layout of interior spaces

before they need to make a decision. This should make entering the building a less stressful experience. The existing secondary entry (on the south, off the Promenade) will be for staff use only, no longer for public use. This should reduce confusion, and aid wayfinding and security.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- The existing main foyer area is dark and can feel unsafe. It makes it obvious which patients are waiting for a counseling consult. The proposed changes to the entry and waiting area will be a great improvement.
- The proposed 13th Avenue Axis improvements were met with wide approval.
- A diagonal desire path exists currently, connecting the Promenade to 13th Avenue Axis through the open space between Carson and UHCTC. Consider ways to allow for a more graceful path of travel by the placement and points of intersection with the service area, loading dock, vehicular parking area, bike parking shelters and landscape plantings. Also provide adequate lighting and views through this space to ensure that it does not begin to feel overly dark or unsafe.
- At the intersection of 13th and Agate, consider additional ways to emphasize the pedestrian nature of 13th beyond a simple curb extension. For example, a raised crosswalk and trees to indicate the threshold.
- There will continue to be some vehicles that will need access to 13th Avenue access. Ensure that these needs will be accommodated. Word any signage at the curb extension with this in mind.
- Consider adding paving at the sidewalk on the southwest corner of the 13th and Beech Street intersection to round the corner between the north-south and east-west paths.
- Ensure that there is signage to direct visitors on Agate to locations where visitor parking is available.
- The provision of ADA parking is critical to the operation of the Health Center and to Oregon Hall.

Action: No formal action was requested. The committee's comments will be considered as design progresses.

Please contact this office if you have questions.